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SUBJECT: KOREA AT NAC/ROKG ASSESSMENT

REFS: (A) KINSHASA 6402, (B) SEOUL 6005

SUMMARY: ROKG ADVISED EMBASSY AUGUST 11 THAT IT HAS  
COMMITMENTS FROM AS MANY AS TWENTY NATIONS TO SPEAK OUT  
ON ROK BEHALF AT COLOMBO NAC, INCLUDING INDONESIAN  
OFFER TO COORDINATE EFFORT. MOFA ALSO NOW APPARENTLY  
INCLINED TO BELIEVE KIM IL-SUNG MAY NOT GO TO COLOMBO SUMMIT  
IN VIEW OF INCREASINGLY LESS FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE  
CREATED BY GSL. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AUGUST 11, MOFA  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TREATIES BUREAU DIRECTOR  
CHONG U-YONG SAID ROKG HAD MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN  
GETTING COMMITMENTS FROM NAC ATTENDEES TO SPEAK OUT IN  
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FAVOR OF ROK AT COLOMBO. AMONG THE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY

COUNTRIES INDICATING WILLINGNESS TO SPEAK ON ROK BEHALF  
CHONG LISTED THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, WHOSE FOREIGN  
MINISTER HE SAID HAD VOLUNTEERED TO DO SO DURING  
AUGUST 1-5 VISIT TO ROK, SAUDI ARABIA, WHICH AGREED AT  
ROK URGING TO SEND DELEGATION TO COLOMBO HEADED BY  
AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA WHO ATTENDED LAST YEAR'S  
NAC IN LIMA, AND ZAIRE, SIERRA LEONE, AND GABON.  
ADDITIONALLY, FOREIGN MINISTER OF KENYA AND IVORY COAST  
UN AMBASSADOR ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT ROK AFTER COLOMBO  
NAC, AND CHONG SAID HE EXPECTS BOTH WILL FEEL COMPELLED  
TO MAKE EFFORT ON ROK BEHALF AT COLOMBO PRIOR TO VISIT  
TO ROK.

2. CHONG NOTED THAT ROKG WAS SENDING FIVE DOCTORS TO MAN  
HOSPITAL IN ZAIRE (REFTELS) AND WOULD FOLLOW-UP WITH  
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN PHASED ASSUMPTION OF OPERATION OF  
HOSPITAL. CHONG ALSO CONFIDED CONSPIRATORIALLY --  
BEGIN NO FORN -- THAT ROKG HAS TEXTS OF STATEMENTS  
ZAIRE, SIERRA LEONE AND GABON WILL MAKE IN COLOMBO  
IN BEHALF OF ROK POSITION. (COMMENT: WE DID NOT  
PRESS IMMEDIATELY FOR TEXTS BUT PLAN TO SUGGEST TOMORROW  
IT MIGHT PROVE USEFUL FOR US TO HAVE THEM TO ENHANCE  
OUR COORDINATED EFFORTS). -- END NO FORN.

3. CHONG ALSO SAID INDONESIA HAS PROMISED ROKG TO TAKE  
SAME POSITION AT COLOMBO THAT MALAYSIA DID AT  
ALGIERS. HE SAID FONMIN MALIK HAD ASKED FOR AND  
RECEIVED FROM ROKG LIST OF TWENTY OR MORE COUNTRIES  
WHICH HAS INDICATED THEY WOULD SPEAK UP AT COLOMBO FOR  
FAIR PLAY FOR ROK. CHONG SAID THAT MALIK HAD  
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT INDONESIAN ACTIVITY ON ROK BEHALF WOULD  
BE CIRCUMSCRIBED BY NEED TO SECURE SUPPORT FOR  
INDONESIAN POSITION ON TIMOR, BUT HAD NONETHELESS UNDERTAKEN  
TO COORDINATE INDONESIAN EFFORT WITH THOSE OF OTHERS  
ON ROK LIST.

4. CHONG ALSO GLEEFULLY CONFIDED TO EMBOFF THAT MOFA  
HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM ROK DEL IN COLOMBO THAT GSL  
POLICE HAD GONE ABOARD NORTH KOREAN SHIP TIED UP AT  
COLOMBO EVENING OF AUGUST 9 AND SEALED UP COMMUNICATIONS  
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UNIT, LEAVING NORTH KOREANS RELIANT ON COMMERCIAL  
COMMUNICATIONS FOR CONTACT WITH PYONGYANG. CHONG  
SAID NORTH KOREAN PARY INCLUDED FOREIGN  
MINISTER, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER, UN AMBASSADOR, AND  
AMBASSADOR TO GENEVA PLUS OVER ONE HUNDRED  
NORTH KOREANS. CHONG, REFLECTING OPTIMISM EXPRESSED  
IN RECENT NEWS STORIES IN ROK PRESS ATTRIBUTED TO  
JAPANESE PRESS, EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT NORTH KOREAN

PREMIER KIM IL-SUNG WOULD ATTEND NAC SUMMIT IN COLOMBO  
IN VIEW OF INCREASINGLY LESS FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE THERE.

5. COMMENT: IN SIMILAR INSTANCES IN PAST ROKS HAVE  
TENDED TOWARD OVER-OPTIMISM, BUT THIS YEAR CLAIMS  
AT LEAST APPEAR BETTER SUBSTANTIATED.  
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